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First Fourth Sets Explosive Precedent



Thirteen U.S. colonies made their split from Great Britain official July 4, 1776, by adopting a piece of paper that promised life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as well as a day off from work for many.

Friends, family and fellow Americans all take pride in the most popular secular U.S. holiday that is celebrated from Marietta to Missoula with both spectacle and reverence. Although July Fourth didn't become a government-sanctioned holiday until 1941, the first revelers made the day an occasion to party on the one-year anniversary of the Continental Congress' adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

The first celebration commemorating the adoption of the document – the actual signing took years to complete – included bonfires, fireworks, a ceremonial dinner and bell-ringing in Philadelphia, July 4, 1777.

Celebrations occurred along the Eastern Seaboard during the months that followed the first Independence Day, but the most



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Garden Ground Rules

(and tips!)

Before you start digging your fingers and tools into the Georgia clay, think of your water supply – when and how much you will use it this summer.

As the planting and watering season approaches, Cobb County gardeners may want to catch themselves up on the current water restrictions for outdoor water use statewide as well as in the 15-county metro area. Remember, your local water utility may extend the ban, and there are few exceptions to these rules:

- ☀ Cobb County is following the same rules the Georgia Department of Natural Resources set for the 15 metro counties: There is no outdoor water use whatsoever between the hours 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- ☀ With each day beginning and ending at midnight, odd-numbered street addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days, and even-numbered street addresses

may water on even-numbered calendar days, except during the hours of the “10 to 10” restriction.

- ☀ The watering ban extends to almost all outdoor water uses, so that means no car-washing, pressure washing or filling pools, too.

Don't let these restrictions stop you from having the best garden on the block. Try adding these tips to your gardening regimen:

- ☀ “Drought-proof” your watering and planting by using water-retaining mulch around plants instead of compressed soils.
- ☀ Try not to water your garden on hot, windy days.
- ☀ Select annuals that don't require too much water, such as a creeping zinnia or Mexican sunflower.
- ☀ Have seeds in the ground by early June. ⚡

A unique 'Lawn Sale'

The Friends of Brumby Hall, a group of residents who formed to help furnish and accessorize the 1851 antebellum mansion on Powder Springs Road, have added a new dimension to the traditional garage sale: a tax write-off.

On July 27, the City of Marietta will hold a citywide garage sale it calls the Marietta Bazaar. The Friends of Brumby Hall (FOBH) wanted to participate in this city endeavor and earn some money for the historic house at the same time.

Because FOBH is a nonprofit group, anything donated for the "Lawn Sale" will be tax exempt. Upon delivery of items, you will be given a 501-3C form that entitles you to put a value on the item and deduct it from your 2002 taxes. The "value" you place on an item is between you and Uncle Sam.

The Friends are expecting a bonanza of donated items (both real and reproduction antiques) ranging from paintings, appliances, china, bric-a-brac, rugs, lamps, books and

furniture. Drop off day is Thursday, July 25, from 2-5 p.m. Pickups can be arranged for large items. FOBH does not want clothes, plastics, broken goods or other items often found at traditional yard sales.

Donations have already begun, and some beautiful antiques are included. This is a win-win event. It gives donators a chance to unload unwanted items and get a tax break at the same time. In addition, it will be a great place to shop.

The sale will be July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Brumby Hall on the grounds of the Marietta Conference Center and Resort, 500 Powder Springs Road.

For general information on the sale, call (770) 428-8898 (Ann Wyatt, chairman) or (770) 422-6030 (Becky Paden, president). ⚡



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dramatic of the early celebrations were in Boston, 1783, and Williamsburg, Va., July 25, 1776.

Following the War of 1812 with Great Britain, the tradition of celebrating Independence Day was imbued with even more importance than ever. The war gave the holiday a kick start toward the national popularity it has today.

Although the Fourth isn't complete without pyrotechnics, some communities across the country incorporate eclectic traditions to their celebrations, such as pillow fights, foot races and candle making events.

Come out to see how your pocket of the nation celebrates this historic holiday with Fourth in the Park, a festival of music, food, arts and fireworks in Glover Park on the Marietta Square.

- 10 a.m., Marietta Freedom Parade
- Noon, Tyn Times performs oldies
- 1:30 p.m., Awards Ceremony
- 2 p.m., National Bell Ringing Ceremony
- 2:30 p.m., Cobb Wind Symphony
- 7 p.m., Chad terry
- 8 p.m., The Buckingham's perform oldies
- Dark, Fireworks Display ⚡

June/ July Calendar of Events

June 28

The Neons

Glover Park on the Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call for information.
770-794-5601

July 4

Fourth in the Park

Glover Park on the Marietta Square
Call for information.
770-794-5601

July 8-Aug. 3

Theatre in the Square

The Emperor's New Clothes
Admission.
Call for information.
770-422-8369

July 9-Aug. 4

Smoke on the Mountain

Theatre in the Square
Admission.
Call for information.
770-422-8369

July 26

Gwen Hughes & the Retro Jazz Cats

Glover Park on the Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Call for information.
770-794-5601

July 27

Marietta Bazaar, Treasures From the Attic
Citywide event
Call for information
770-794-5601

Aug. 14-Sept. 22

Dirty Blonde

Theatre in the Square
Admission.
Call for information.
770-422-8369